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Agriculture - Grow More Food - Scheme for control of pests and diseases of crops - Free issue of pesticides - Papers recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Food and Agriculture Department.

Memorandum No. 33030/K/49-3 dated the 10th November 1949.

Sub:- Agriculture - Grow More Food - Scheme for control of pests and diseases of crops - Free issue of pesticides.

Ref:- From the Director of Agriculture, No. L1/1291/49 dated 4.10.1949.

The Director of Agricultural's proposal for free supply of pesticides does not appear to be necessary for the following reasons.

It is argued Ryots must naturally be interested in the well being of their crops and anxious to save them from distinction by pests. Once they come to know that the Agricultural Department supplies pesticides at half rates, they would not hesitated to avail themselves of the concession. It seems therefore unnecessary to grant them more subsidy. If a free supply is introduced all and sundry will apply for the issue of pesticides and the expenditure will increase appreciably. If the Agricultural Officers use their discretion and refuse for supply to some, it will lead to complaints and criticism. After all, if a ryot wants pesticides to save his crops, he will certainly not demand to pay even half the cost. The Director of Agriculture has not explained as to why he proposes to start free supply. The Director of Agriculture is requested to state whether in view of what is stated above, the proposal to supply the pesticides free of cost may be dropped. If not, he is requested to justify the proposal in greater detail.

M.A. Kuttalalingam Pillai,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Director of Agriculture, Madras.

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From
Sri. R.M. Sundaram, I.C.S.,
Director of Agriculture,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Food & Agriculture Department
Madras.

No. L-1/1291/49 dated 12th November 1949.

Sir,

Sub:- Intensive Cultivation Schemes - Scheme for the control of pests and diseases of crops - Free issue of pesticides - Proposal - Dropped.

Ref:- My letter No. L1/1291/49 dated 6.8.1949.
Government Memorandum No. 33030/K/49-3 dated 10.11.1949.

In view of the remarks passed in Government Memorandum cited above, the proposal for free issue of pesticides for the control of pests and diseases of food crops, sent in my letter under reference, may be dropped.

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Please see Director of Agriculture's reply at p. 13 c.f. to the Memorandum at pages 11-12 c.f. As the Director of Agriculture has agreed to drop the proposal of free supply of pesticides, it is for orders whether the papers may be recorded.

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17.11.49.

M.A.Kuttalalingam,
18.11.49.

G.O. Ms. No. 1438. dated 19.11.1949.

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